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Midsummer 1950

INVENTORY REDUCTION
SALE

—of—

Iris — Peonies
Poppies — Daylilies

—at—

TOPNOTCH GARDENS
(WALDEAN FARM)

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TO NEW FRIENDS AND OLD CUSTOMERS

We are selling out a large share of the nursery at Topnotch Gardens, to clear land for other purposes. To do this quickly, inventory reduction prices have been set. You will find it greatly to your advantage to buy during this clearance sale.

As we are growing hundreds of perennial varieties, including tall bearded, dwarf, Siberian and spuria iris, peonies, hemerocallis, Oriental poppies, single and double painted daisies, etc., only a brief listing is made here. We suggest that distant customers send us a want list of their requirements for special quotation. Nearby customers, phone or drive out.

We greatly appreciate the courtesy of the Calumet Region folks who came out this spring, furnished their own cartons and labor. We hope those who can will do that any time, particularly in the rush spring season.

Business is a co-operative enterprise between capital investors, managers, workers and assisting industries, and the people who buy the product. Our deep thanks to our mail order friends whom we have never had the pleasure of meeting, but whose faith in us and investment of their dollars created and sustained this business through the past five years.

Sincerely,

Deanette M. Small.

I R I S

Tall Bearded, Dwarf, Spuria and Siberian

For varieties not listed here, ask for our 1950 Advance List, or send us your special want list for individual or collection quotation. We have on hand over a thousand varieties of Iris of all types, all priced for close-out.

TALL BEARDED

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| AMBER GEM. Large chestnut brown, fine out West, so far hardy here. (3 only) | \$3.00 |
| ARCTIC. Large, fine cream white | .25 |
| ARETHUSA. Tall rose pink, best in partial shade | .35 |
| AZTEC GLORY. Bright copper red, good grower | .65 |
| AZURE SKIES. Ruffled azure blue, for border front | .75 |
| BLACK BANNER. A sleek black that performs better than Black Forest here. (5 only) | 1.75 |
| BLUE SHIMMER. Fine blue white plicata; rapid grower, heavy bloomer | 1.00 |
| BRYCE CANYON. Tall, glowing brown, one of the finest iris in the garden. Very few.... | 3.00 |
| BURGUNDY ROSE. Large amethyst rose, best planted in partial shade. Good grower. | 1.75 |
| CASA MORENA. Good medium height brown, not too rugged. | 1.50 |
| CHERIE. Highly rated pink; (1 only) | 14.00 |
| CHICORY BLUE. Tall, large pure blue, not too far from the color of Blue Valley | 1.25 |

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| CLOUD CASTLE. Large, well formed, excellently branched wisteria blue. Produces prize winning flower show stalks | 1.75 |
| COOL LEMONADE. Well named lemon cream, not tall but lovely | 3.00 |
| DAYBREAK. A large flower, good grower, and a nice copper pink color makes this popular | .75 |
| DEB'S DELIGHT. We are almost sold out on this early, free blooming pink that we introduced four years ago, that performs well everywhere | 1.50 |
| ELMOHR. The large mulberry purple liked for color, size, and blue ribbon stalks. | .60 |
| EXTRAVAGANZA. Novelty amoena, pale cream standards and red violet falls. Good grower. | 3.00 |
| GARDEN GLORY. A magnificent, medium height deep smooth red, fine when established, but often difficult to get going | 2.25 |
| GREAT LAKES. Dykes winning, fine performing blue | .50 |
| GYPSY ROSE. Handsome, large, showy rose-red, with blue infusion. Color similar to Three Oaks and Tea Rose, but a newer, far better iris | 4.50 |
| LADY MOHR. This odd oyster white has large flowers, fine placement, and is a good bet for an exhibition stalk | 1.50 |
| LADY NAOMI. White plicata, dotted lavender. The flowers are large. Have only a few, also a few Florentine, of similar color, either one at | .35 |
| LAKE BREEZE. Large, rippled light blue, beautiful here | 2.00 |
| LIGHTHOUSE. An oldtime iris, light rose and copper, but fine garden value | .35 |
| LOS ANGELES. This is a famous blue and white Dykes winning iris, whose garden value far surpasses its price | .35 |
| LYNN LANGFORD. This rates with us as one of the finest orchid pinks. We've had four open, perfectly placed blooms on a stalk at one time. Very few | 4.00 |
| MASTER CHARLES. Handsome, hardy, fast growing velvety purple we can happily recommend | 1.50 |
| MEXICO. Brilliant bi-color of gold and brown. Some tendency to rot | 1.25 |
| MISTY GOLD. A smaller flowered, lower growing Golden Fleece in form and color—but whose mass of bloom is an enchanting delight. We love it | 1.00 |
| MULBERRY ROSE. This large flowered, mulberry toned iris is desired on sight. Perfect stalks, good for flower show competition | .60 |
| NEW SNOW. One of the largest, best, whitest of iris. Tall, late, wonderfully branched, exceedingly hardy, free blooming, rapid of increase | 4.00 |
| ORMOHR. Huge light lavender, color and height between Wm. Mohr and Elmoehr | .35 |
| PAINTED DESERT. Canyon tones well blended make this a bright, pleasing iris. Good grower | .75 |
| PINK CAMEO. Widely publicized pink with tangerine beard. Only a few | 3.00 |

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| PRAIRIE SUNSET. Gold and copper blend, lively and sparkling, a Dykes winning iris. Sometimes slow to establish | .60 |
| RAJAH BROOKE. Bronzish standards, ruby red falls, bronze edged. Good grower, showy and free blooming | 1.00 |
| RANGER. Like The Red Douglas and Red Valor, this is a good tall red | 1.50 |
| REDWARD. A brighter red, lower growing, producing a fine mass of color in short order | 1.50 |
| ROCKET. A "fireworks" iris, the way it attracts. Base color similar to Ola Kala, but a hint of red makes this more showy. Flowers are larger, and 2 to 4 open at a time create a real sight | 5.00' |
| SEA LARK. An unusual and good blue purple, very popular in some sections of the country | 3.00 |
| SHARKSKIN. This thick textured, finely formed white is a beauty. Good bet for show stalks. Very few | 1.00 |
| SHISHALDIN. This orange brown was very brilliant and fine in the garden this wet year | .65 |
| SOLID MAHOGANY. Deep, glowing mahogany red, easier to grow than most of the browns and reds. Truly beautiful | 2.00 |
| SUZETTE. Tall, yellow plicata, with maroon dottings, making unusual color combination. Rapid grower, exceedingly generous with bloom | 3.50 |
| SYLVIA MURRAY. Enchanting light blue of fine form and growing habits. Very few .. | 1.75 |
| TIFFANJA. Like the old Siegfried, this plicata has size, but far better form. Color is cream. dotted brown | .75 |
| WHITE WEDGWOOD. A blue-white of sculptured perfection | 1.25 |

Orders of \$2.50 and over will be sent parcel post prepaid. Please add 25c to cover handling charges on orders under this amount. Also suggest desired shipping date.

SIBERIAN IRIS

These iris take more moisture than tall bearded. Shipment will be made in early fall, to permit them to re-establish. Set the plants deeper, and mulch the first winter. Let the clumps grow for four or five years without disturbing. Their blooming season is about the time of the late tall bearded iris, the flowers are smaller, but have great substance, and thus are long lasting in the garden or when cut. We have the majority of the newer Siberians listed, such as China Blue, May Morning, Tonawanda Red Flare, etc., not available for sale until 1951, but will book your order on request for spring shipping.

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| CAESAR'S BROTHERS. Rich pansy violet..... | \$.75 |
| COOL SPRING. Light blue of fine form | 1.00 |
| GATINEAU. Large flowered, clear bright blue .. | .75 |
| HELEN ASTOR. A beautiful rose-red, with light throat | 1.25 |
| SNOWCREST. Frilled, sparkling white | .75 |
| TYCOON. Very large violet blue | 1.75 |

These are nice sized clumps, all with 5 or more fans showing. They are heavier, harder to pack, and cost more to ship than "small starts" or one-to-three fan plants.

DWARF IRIS

We're about sold out on many of the named varieties, but still have the little early, red-purple *Atrioviolacea* for 25c, and the nice yellow *Stewart* for the same price. You'll have much fun, many surprises and great pleasure out of our border front or rock garden collection of 10 unlabeled dwarf iris, all different, full color range, for only \$1.50.

SPURIA IRIS

These tall swamp or marshland loving iris take a full season, usually, to bloom and re-establish. 1950 has been unduly wet; both the Siberians and Spurias have loved it. Their bloom has been long and excessive. For best results we plant these at the foot of a slope, where moisture is always present, or if not that, then within easy range of the sprinkler, and in combination with *Hemerocallis* or other perennial that takes kindly to a lot of water.

- AZURE DAWN.** Fine light blue\$1.50
GOLD NUGGET. Nice bright yellow 1.00
MONNIERE. Luminous yellow, fine for cutting75
SHELFORD GIANT. Tall, creamy white, with bright yellow signal patch. A real beauty\$1.50

Our roots are large and good. Stock is limited, so order early. Shipping starts about September 1st. Be sure to plant about four inches deep, and lay a heavy mulch of straw, leaves or peat moss over them each winter. This mulch can be worked in after spring growth starts, and is ideal for soil improvement. We have added wood and coal ashes to heavy clay, also sand to break it up, and top dressed the soil liberally with peat moss, well rotted manure or compost. Spurias are one of the most valuable of flowers for line arrangements or corsage work.

We have limited quantities of other spurias, and will be glad to quote prices on request.

HEMEROCALLIS

The mean winter of 1949-1950 injured many of our *Hemerocallis*. We have therefore listed only a small number. All listed are vigorous and hardy—the kind of plants we like to ship out. When our stock is again up to par, likely in the spring of 1951, we will offer some 200 varieties for sale. If you will write us now, sending a want list, there will be a few of such *Hemerocallis* available this Fall from our display garden—such as *Ruby Supreme*, *Halo*, *Hannah Dustin*, *Persian Princess*, *Black Prince*, *Rosalind*, *Star of Gold*, *Chisca*, etc.

- BAGDAD.** Tall, late June-blooming brilliant gypsy-toned hem, that ranks with *Rajah* as an attention-getter\$.35
BARONET. Blooming about same time as *Bagdad*, but lower growing. Color rusty red. A rank grower and heavy bloomer75
BAY STATE. Tall, glistening yellow, blooming early July to mid-August35
BLACK FALCON. Dark red with lemon yellow throat. Looks best in semi-shade. July-August bloom. Tall 3.50

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| BOUTONNIERE. A myriad or cluster of flowers of yellow and rosy peach. August blooming, medium height | .35 |
| CABALLERO. Showy bi-color with golden sepals and reddish petals. This and Comet are choice | 1.00 |
| DOLLY VARDEN. Smooth coral pink with cream throat. A good grower and free bloomer. July | 1.25 |
| EARLIANA. Early in the season bright orange | 1.00 |
| FULVA ROSEA. Tall, choice pink species, blooming June-July. Rosalind is similar; both are fine | 1.75 |
| GRANADA. A lustrous, fast growing brown of fine garden value. Medium height, July blooming | 1.00 |
| HESPERUS. High ranking lemon yellow, extremely large flowered and tall. July-August | 1.00 |
| HONEY REDHEAD. Color standout, the red petals edged with yellow | 1.50 |
| MATADOR. Bright mahogany with orange throat. July. Only a few left | 1.00 |
| MISSION BELLS. Mr. Hall's fine August blooming clear, recurved ruffled yellow | 2.50 |
| PORT. A border front hem, the color of port wine. Fast to grow and generous with bloom | 1.00 |
| RAJAH. Later to bloom than Bagdad, likely brighter, more pronounced orange and red. Rapid growing and long blooming.... | .35 |
| VESTA. Another border front hem. The color is rich orange, the petals wide, and the general effect handsome | .35 |
| WHITE LADY. Tall yellow with plenty of plant, but not as free blooming as many | .50 |

We do not send out "pieces" or "snips of plants," as one customer described plants purchased elsewhere. Ours are of good size and well developed. By actual test we have found that hemerocallis will grow in almost any type of soil, whether dry or moist, and in full sun to fairly heavy shade. The best plant growth, however, and the most bloom, with best color and size, is produced when plants are grown in fairly rich, moist soil, in full sun to light shade. The deep red, wine or so-called purple tones are brought out best in partial shade.

Mulch heavily first winter and for fertilizing we recommend well rotted barnyard manure or commercial cow or sheep manure. Peat moss or composted soil, worked in around the plant at time of setting, will aid greatly in fast, new root growth.

For those not familiar with Hemerocallis (Day-lilies) we will be glad to make up a good collection of 10 plants, full season of bloom and good color range, unlabeled as to variety, for \$3.00. Labeled, and including a good red or pink, \$4.00. These are worth almost twice the collection price.

ORIENTAL POPPIES

The plants we offer are all one to two-year-old well developed roots that, given care, should bloom the first year. Plant in good garden soil, deeply spaded, finely broken up, using peat moss or composted soil close in about the root. Set with crown two to three inches below soil surface and in a level or raised bed, as poppies will kill or rot out if

crown is in a pocket or depressed area. To mulch over winter, lift the new, green leaves (fall growth) of the poppies, place a crown or collar of straw about the poppy plant, and allow the foliage to fall back. This is preferable to a solid mulch over top of the plant.

AK-SAR-BEN. Huge pink, one of the best and easiest to grow\$1.00

CERISE BEAUTY. Medium sized, free blooming cerise pink65

CURTIS GIANT FLESH PINK. Very tall, large, flesh pink. Best in shade, as it fades 1.00

EDNA PERRY. Fast growing older pink50

HELEN ELIZABETH. Often termed one of the best pinks; a strong grower75

TUCKDAWA. Very large, late salmon pink 1.00

WAR LORD. Our finest tall, incredibly red 1.00

We may have a few Manchu Fan, Perfection, New Perfection, Watteau, Wunderkind, Orange Perfection, Barr's White, White King or Queen, Sass Pink, Crimson Pompon, Salmon Glow, and Ridge-wood Beauty for sale after we finish filling orders booked during blooming season. Those interested, please write us for prices.

Unlabeled poppies, smaller sized flowers, pink, orange or red, 35c each, 3 for \$1.00. Larger flowered, same colors, 50c each, 3 for \$1.25. A fine collection of 10 labeled Poppies, full color and season range, our famous Waldean collection, for only \$5.00.

PEONIES

FELIX CROUSSE. Medium sized, midseason fragrant red, a fine one, not as red as Richard Carvel or Mary Brand\$.75

FESTIVA MAXIMA. Early, huge white. A truly fine peony75

FUYAJO. High ranking, rich mahogany red Japanese peony75

KELWAY'S GLORIOUS. An incredibly large, heavily fragrant pure white flower. Only a few at this low price 1.50

MONS. JULES ELIE. Very large, handsome deep pink 1.00

REINE HORTENSE. Mid to late season flowering hydrangea pink, with fleckings of crimson75

RICHARD CARVEL. Large, choice early red .. 1.00

SARAH BERNHARDT. Apple blossom pink, lovely in the garden, fine for cutting75

In addition to the above, we have a very few plants left of Philippe Rivoire, Mary Brand, Officinalis Rubra (the early Decoration Day red peony), Walter Faxon, Lady Alexandra Duff, Lillian Gumm, Mons. Martin Cahuzac, Blanche King, A. B. Franklin, and Mrs. Livingston Farrand. Prices on request. Above plants are all strong, quality raised stock, not old clumps, nor plants from which flowers have been cut.

Peonies by color: we offer a few double pink or double white at 50c each. Also a delightful single pink at 50c. No reds at this low price. We will be glad to furnish the Waldean Peony Collection, 10 fine labeled varieties, full color and season range, for \$7.50. At standard prices, this collection is worth over \$15.00.

Specific cultural directions that insure success will be furnished to all purchasing peonies from us.

Aquilegia (Columbine)

Our own selective strain of Waldean Farm blue and white seedlings will not be available until the spring of 1951. Those who have seen the parent stock of these fine blue-whites have marveled at the size and purity of coloring. We will have a few good pinks, whites, blues and yellows this fall for 50c each, 3 for \$1.25. Some nice **CRIMSON STAR** at 75c each, 3 for \$2.00.

Spring Flowering Bulbs, Shrubs and Trees

Nearby customers, please come out and pick up your orders of **DARWIN AND PARROT TULIPS, HYACINTHS, CROCUS, and DAFFODILS** between **September 20th and October 20th**. Or if you want them shipped or delivered, let us know.

The same goes for **HYBRID LILACS, FORSYTHIA (Golden Bells), BEAUTY BUSH (Kolwitzia), DOUBLE MOCK ORANGE (Philadelphus virginialis), WEIGELIA**, and the flowering trees, **BECHTEL'S DOUBLE FLOWERING CRAB, HOPA, DOLGO**, and the wondrous rose-red **PAUL'S SCARLET THORN**. These will be ready after the first hard frost—which usually means about **October 15th to November 1st**. Please drop us a note about when you are coming out, or when you want delivery.

The Regale Lily bulbs will be ready early in October, also Tiger and Rubrum.

Gift Packaging

We specialize in gift boxes of all sorts—Iris, Hemerocallis, Peonies, Poppies, Miscellaneous Perennials, Dwarf Iris or Rock Garden Collections—anything you might like. Gift Box prices range from \$2.50 upwards. Tell us what you might like and to whom you want the gift sent. Your personal card can be enclosed, or we will select a dainty card, appropriate for the occasion. Make your Thanksgiving or Christmas gift a **WALDEAN FARM (Topnotch Gardens) Gift Box**—a wondrous enchantment of huge, snowy white Daffodils with cup of gold or red, magnificent large Parrot Tulips of bright yellow or blue purple, or a Tree or Shrub guaranteed to give home beauty throughout a lifetime.

We specialize in making people happy—through growing things. Our lifetime knowledge of fine plants and our specialized skill in gift packaging and shipping are at your disposal.

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